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BETEL CROP UNDER CROP INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced by the farmers engaged in cultivation of betel due to the absence of the Crop Insurance Scheme (CIS) for betel;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to include the betel crop under the CIS; and

(c) if so,by when it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Betel is a perennial crop with multi-picking yield. At present, it is not covered under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS).

Joint group constituted to study the improvements required in the existing crop insurance schemes have considered various issues including insurance cover for perennial horticultural crops. The Group has submitted its report. The Government, at present, is in the process of consulting various stakeholders on the recommendations of the Group.